



**Roundtable Meeting  
August 4, 2017  
John Bolduc, Chair**

**Roundtable Members Attending:** Terissa Aronson, Linda Bartz, Ann Berner, John Bolduc, Sean Boyle, Michael Davis, Wayne Gent, Diane Hobley-Burney, Linda Hudson, Andrea Kochanowski, Tony Loupe, Robert McPartlan, Vern Melvin, Stephanie Morgan, Angela Roberson, Clint Sperber, Garry Wilson, and Wydee'a Wilson.

**Roundtable Members Absent:** Brian Bauer, Bruce Colton, Carol DeLoach, Hazel Hoylman, Andrew Hunt, Karen Knapp, Larry Lee, Diamond Litty, Tony Schwab, Peter Tesch, Andrew Treadwell, and Lisa von Seelen.

**Guests Attending:** Glenda Hardin for Brian Bauer, Debbie Butler, Geoff Moore, Al Rivett, Renee Deschenes, Paul Nigro, Jessica Fox, Beth Ryder, Monica Jakobsen, Carlos Negron, Tricia Goulet, Debbie Hawley, Jessica Parrish, Cathie Mouring, Kathryn Hensley, Angela Bell, Jim Dwyer, Cynchia Beddow, and Madeline Greenwood.

**I. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, and Treasure Hunter Pledge**  
John Bolduc welcomed all members. Pledges were conducted.

**II. August Agenda & June Minutes**  
*Bob McPartlan made a motion to accept the August agenda and June minutes, seconded by Garry Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.*

**III. May, June Financials**  
Esperanza Morales presented the financials for the months of May and June 2017 (see attached).

*Terissa Aronson made a motion to accept the May 2017 financials, seconded by Tony Loupe. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Tony Loupe made a motion to accept the June 2017 financials, seconded by Linda Bartz. Motion carried unanimously.*

**IV. Chair Report/Executive Director Report**  
Chair Report

John Bolduc introduced our new Executive Director Teresa Bishop and welcomed her. He stated that she shined during the interviews. She will be an independent contractor through October 1<sup>st</sup>, then an employee of Children's Services Council.

Executive Director Report

Teresa Bishop presented the Executive Director report (see attached).

**V. Network Action Plans:**

Angela Roberson, the new Steering Committee Chair, opened the floor for the discussion of each Network Action Plan. She stated that these are fluid plans and could be changed based on circumstances. A lot of effort has gone into them by the Networks. Each of the Roundtable members were assigned to read and discuss specific Plans and there was great discussion on each one.

Academic Success

There is an evidence-based strategy called Seed Oklahoma, which is a study that selected random newborns and gave \$1,000 to new mothers for the child to attend college or university, community college, or vocational school. It also improved reading skills from mother to child.

Truancy and school attendance – how can the community address that? We need to get into the homes. Need a community campaign about the importance of attendance and achievement gaps. This will be a big priority for the Port St. Lucie Police Dept. this year. Need a campaign to put a dent in it. The School Board has increased awareness within the schools and are encouraging schools to come up with innovative positive ideas. Encourage business members to be on the lookout for kids on the streets. Fort Pierce Police Dept. officers need to be in the Fort Pierce schools.

St. Lucie Reads – Early Learning Coalition. United Way has the Education Vision Council. The community is already coming together. This is a good plan. Reminder that Children’s Services Council is in 15 elementary schools with two truancy programs to hold parents accountable. Please add Stephanie Morgan to this Network to promote small business.

***Linda Hudson made a motion to accept the Academic Success Network Action Plan, seconded by Terissa Aronson. Motion carried unanimously.***

Child Welfare

Facilitating the process of establishing monthly interagency work group with the goal of the Network improving communication and identify problems. To be used as the mechanism for coordinating. First meeting is Thursday at 1:30. Plan is comprehensive and detailed. DJJ is pulling open cases for 50 kids with juvenile records.

Will train 211 staff on mentoring programs.

Need to close the gap and increase licensed black foster homes.

Need CareerSource, law enforcement and schools at the table.

***Linda Bartz made a motion to accept the Child Welfare Network Action Plan, seconded by Clint Sperber. Motion carried unanimously.***

### Economic Sufficiency

This is an ambitious plan. Getting Ahead classes are labor intensive. CareerSource's funding gets reduced when unemployment is low. Unemployment doesn't count those who have stopped looking for work. Need hiring strategies for manufacturing, health care, and construction. The Florida Chamber is looking at fiscal cliffs. Need to look at state policy. Includes subsidized childcare, health insurance (KidCare). Need incentives for getting out of poverty, not cuts.

***Garry Wilson made a motion to accept the Economic Sufficiency Network Action Plan, seconded by Linda Hudson. Motion carried unanimously.***

### Child Health

Healthiest Weight - Need community garden as Fort Pierce is a food desert. Housing Authority offered to donate a vacant 3 acre plot on 16<sup>th</sup> Terrace behind Lincoln Park Academy. Need to generate more interest. Need focus groups to educate parents on nutrition.

***Terissa Aronson made a motion to accept the Healthiest Weight Network Action Plan, seconded by Clint Sperber. Motion carried unanimously.***

### Infant Mortality

***Terissa Aronsen made a motion to accept the Infant Mortality Network Action Plan, seconded by Stephanie Morgan. Motion carried unanimously.***

Teen Pregnancy – Needs a lot of work. There was a question whether Getting Real About AIDS is still being taught in the schools. The Health Dept. will meet with the School Board regarding that.

***Linda Hudson made a motion to accept the Teen Pregnancy Network Action Plan, seconded by Terissa Aronson. Motion carried unanimously.***

Unintentional Injury – There is a teen driver program through the Sheriff's Office. Boating and swimming safety courses are being offered.

***Linda Hudson made a motion to accept the Unintentional Injury Network Action Plan, seconded by Stephanie Morgan. Motion carried unanimously.***

### Safe Neighborhoods

This is a comprehensive plan. Juvenile Justice Board subcommittee is starting to make some headway with disproportionate minority contact (arrests). DJJ received a grant from the state for providing free training from the Racial Equality Institute.

Need to increase Civil Citation.

A School Board member has been appointed recently to the subcommittee on reducing delinquency in schools and bullying. Add Children's Services Council to this Network.

Fort Pierce Police Department has a Police Ambassador Program in place.

***Linda Bartz made a motion to accept the Safe Neighborhoods Network Action Plan, seconded by Linda Hudson. Motion carried unanimously.***

#### Substance Abuse

Will know in September if we have secured the Drug Free Communities Grant. This will open up several other grants. Roundtable will then hire a coordinator. There was the question why opioids aren't addressed but this grant is for underage prevention efforts. Emphasis is on marijuana use and underage drinking. Will have Roundtable's Mentor Sue Carrigan from Hernando County as the speaker in September regarding medical marijuana impacts.

***Sean Boyle made a motion to accept the Substance Abuse Network Action Plan, seconded by Clint Sperber. Motion carried unanimously.***

Stephanie Morgan stated that acronyms are used in every one of the Action Plans. She requested that footnotes be added to them with an explanation as to what they mean.

#### **VI. Announcements/Agency Updates**

- Linda Hudson – Will be attending an upcoming pep rally for the school district employees at the Mets Stadium.
- Terissa Aronson – The School District now has an overall B rating. They are celebrating 264 new teachers with gift cards and raffles. The Business and Industry Awards is coming up.
- Clint Sperber – The Opioid Task Force is meeting next Thursday. At the last meeting five workgroups were developed – Data, Education & Awareness, Treatment, Fire, and Law Enforcement. New Horizons is taking the lead. The Health Department has an employee who does equity training. She was invited to present to the Roundtable in October.
- Garry Wilson – The St. Lucie 100 Club provides emergency funding to families of first responders. They are having a fundraiser softball tournament September 30 and October 1. They are looking for teams to play.
- Sean Boyle – Became one of 540 in the nation to become a Grade Level Reading Community and the 16th in Florida.
- Diane Hopley-Burney – Their first Unity in the Community event was a great success, with over 1,000 in attendance. She thanked everyone who was involved.
- Andrea Kochanowski – Mentioned the market conditions for home ownership and rentals. They offer affordable housing and have 25 units available.
- Glenda Hardin – Had 130 graduate from the Summer of Success Program, which is an eight week training and six weeks of work for youth.
- Wydee'a Wilson – Their Back to School Bash is being held August 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 until 2:00 at the Fort Pierce PAL.
- John Bolduc – They are holding two GAAP meetings – September 7 for youth and September 21 for adults. Wydee'a Wilson will be the facilitator.